

HAWAIIAN EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL
1585 Kapiolani Boulevard., #1212
Honolulu, HI 96814

July 9, 2014

Dear Public Charter School Commission Members:

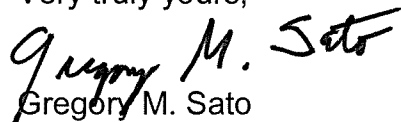
My name is Gregory M. Sato. I am a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Educational Council ("HEC"). Due to other business commitments, I am unable to attend today's meeting. However, on behalf of HEC, I urge the Commission to approve a Charter for the Malama Honua Learning Center Public Charter School ("School").

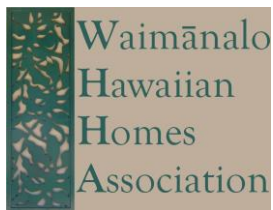
The School is the brain child of Robert Witt, the recently retired long-term head of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools ("HAIS") and Nainoa Thompson, a renaissance leader of modern day Hawaiian thought. The mission of the School is "to provide an education that integrates the 21st century skills and indigenous Hawaiian values which cultivate the caring, compassionate and astute "mind of the navigator" in students and teachers alike."

With the financial help of many partners, including Kamehameha Schools, the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and HEC, I believe the School's leadership team has all of the elements needed for a successful sustainable school. Please approve the School's charter application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Gregory M. Sato



July 7, 2014

Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission
'Aha Kula Ho'āmana
Queen Lili'uokalani Building
1390 Miller Street – Room 404
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman and Commissioners, Aloha!

Please accept this letter in strong support of the public charter school applicant, Mālama Hōnua Public Charter School (MHPCS) with their Pre-Opening Assurances and start-up as an agenda item for Thursday, July 10, 2014 Commission meeting.

The Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) is a community based organization, U.S. Federally recognized IRS 501c-3 non-profit actively participating and promoting the MHPCS in the Waimānalo Hawaiian homestead as a vital asset to the Ko'olaupoko area. The MHPCS vision and mission statements articulates those qualities contributing towards educational attainment while recognizing and incorporating the cultural values of the Hawaiian indigenous peoples. These practices provide another basic alternative for parents to consider enrolling their children in this public charter school.

As a current MHPCS board member I had the fortunate occasion working with fellow board and staff members in working towards the completion of the recruitment, assurances and start-up finding these experiences as very rewarding.

WHHA is reasonably confident and satisfied with the current level of performance at MHPCS will continue its positive growth towards a sustainable, resilient and forward-thinking center of learning and education. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this written letter of support, please feel free to contact me via email at paul_28827@msn.com or 808-284-2575.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Paul P. Richards

Paul P. Richards
President

cc: WHHA Board of Directors